

REMARKS

Objection to Drawings

Please find enclosed a replacement sheet that addresses the grounds for the examiner's rejections to the drawings. In particular, Figure 1b now shows the handle pointing down.

Rejections Under 35 USC §102 and §103

The Claims stand rejected under 35 USC §102 and 103 in view of *Betancourt*. The Applicant has amended the independent claims to more clearly distinguish the invention from *Betancourt*.

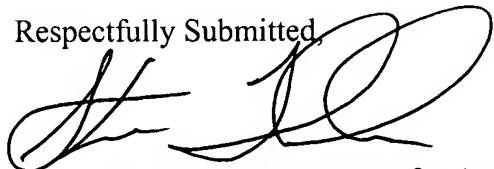
In the Event Arguments are Believed Insufficient

The Examiner is thanked for the phone interview, his consideration, and for acknowledging that there appears to be patentable subject matter in the present patent application even though he felt at the time of the interview that the unamended claims do not appear technically adequate. Should the Examiner disagree that the remarks place the application in condition for allowance, then the Examiner is respectfully requested to prepare an acceptable proposed set of claims pursuant to MPEP 707.07 (j).

Thus, it is believed that the pending claims are allowable, and allowance of said claims is respectfully requested. Other references made of record but not relied upon in the Office Action are considered no more relevant to the invention than the reference relied upon by the Examiner.

If the Examiner has other matters which remain, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the under signed attorney to resolve these matters by Examiners Amendment where possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Thrasher".

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